

COUNTY GENERAL PURPOSE, MAJOR DONOR AND INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURE COMMITTEES

Questions and Answers

Q: If a major donor/independent expenditure committee filed a statement by July 31 covering the first six months of the year and makes no other contributions or independent expenditures during the second six months of the year, must it file a semi-annual statement by January 31?

A: No.

Q: Must a county committee that contributes \$5,000 to a city candidate or city ballot measure committee file pre-election statements in connection with the city election?

A: No. County committees do not file pre-election reports in connection with city elections.

Q: Must a county committee that makes a late contribution to a city candidate file a late contribution report with the city filing officer?

A: No. However, a late contribution report is required to be filed in the same locations that the county committee files its regular campaign statements.

Q: Must a Supplemental Independent Expenditure Report (Form 465) be filed if an independent expenditure supports or opposes multiple candidates?

A: Yes, but only if \$1,000 or more was expended to support or oppose each candidate in the communication. A separate Form 465 must be filed for each candidate.

Q: Last year, a major donor contributed to candidates running in the state elections. This year, the major donor is making contributions to candidates in a single county. Where are the major donor statements filed this year?

A: A major donor committee terminates at the end of each calendar year. A county major donor committee files with the county and the committee's county of domicile, if different, regardless of where reports were filed in a prior year.